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REMARKS BY
THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BILATERAL MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SOEHARTO
JAKARTA, INDONESIA
July 13, 1984

SECRETARY SHULTZ: I would like to express my appreciation to President Soeharto for receiving me and also to the Government of Indonesia for the very fine way in which it is hosting this ASEAN dialogue-partner meeting. It's been an interesting and worthwhile meeting -- it's still going on -- and I'll have a chance to meet myself with all of the ASEAN Ministers this afternoon. But it's been done very well and, of course, here it's been a special privilege once again to visit with President Soeharto not simply about United States-Indonesian matters, which are basically going along well, but also about questions of world importance and to have his views and reflections on them.

QUESTION: Sir, did you talk about U.S.-China relations? Did he express any concern about the government sales to China?

SECRETARY SHULTZ: No, the question of weapons sales to China didn't come up, but, of course, I have made the statement to him, as I have publicly, that the United States regards its relationships with Indonesia and with the ASEAN countries as the center of gravity of its interests in Southeast Asia, and our relationships with other countries are not taking place in any way that would compromise the importance of our relationships here and throughout Southeast Asia.

QUESTION: Has there been any decision yet on increasing aid to the resistance forces in Cambodia?

SECRETARY SHULTZ: Well, the question of Kampuchea and all the matters related to it -- the resistance, relief problems, refugee problems, -- all have been under active discussion, and the United States always had the attitude that we want to understand the ASEAN views and support them. And that is the position that we're in and we certainly want to do our share.

QUESTION: Sir, did you discuss the (inaudible) progress (inaudible) with the President?

SECRETARY SHULTZ: Well, questions of human rights are always questions of great importance to Americans, and we have the view that we should be concerned about them and we should discuss them privately, and in my visit to Indonesia (inaudible). That's about all I can say.

QUESTION: Do you sense any disappointed feeling Indonesians have upon the recent (inaudible) between Indonesia and the United States?

SECRETARY SHULTZ: Well, I feel only the greatest warmth and good feelings about the relationship between Indonesia and the United States. Certainly, the United States view toward Indonesia is a very positive one across the board, and every indication I've had in my visit here and in my many discussions with Foreign Minister Mochtar and in other visits here, for instance by Vice President Bush earlier this year, suggest to us that the feeling is mutual and warm and that the relationship between our countries is very good.

QUESTION: Thank you.